

BUTTE NEWS.

MINERS' CONVENTION

Return of Some of the Federation Delegates From Salt Lake.

MR. BOYCE'S SENTIMENTS

It is Evident That They Are Endorsed by a Majority of the Members—Butte is Headquarters—Proceedings.

Some of the Butte delegates to the convention of the Federation of Miners have returned from Salt Lake and express themselves well satisfied with the work accomplished. The re-election of Edward Boyce as president is regarded as an endorsement of his policy and his annual address which created such a sensation. The re-election of James Maher of Butte as secretary and treasurer is regarded as a further endorsement of that policy, as Mr. Maher is one of the president's strongest co-workers in the Federation. According to some views of it this speaks at least a majority sentiment in favor of a leadership under a pronounced policy of aggression and resistance in matters of labor differences. It will be remembered that in his opening address Boyce gave utterance to opinions which called forth criticism from many quarters and developed some opposition to himself in the ranks of the Federation. He recommended the arming of organized miners with 25,000 of the latest improved rifles. He advised the making of a new constitution, embodying the boycott of all National Guardsmen and during his address he called these soldiers "113 a month murderers." He advocated at length the co-operative working of undeveloped mines for the benefit of the unions and he "roasted" capital.

At the time there was some speculation as to how his sentiments would be received in the Federation, as a more conservative element was known to be present in the delegation. Boyce's report, however, was adopted by some thing near a two-thirds vote, and the adoption carried with it the endorsement of his views.

When nominations for officers were made, two tickets were put in the field, one headed by Boyce and one by J. J. Bennett of De La Mar, Idaho. Boyce received about two-thirds of the 103 votes cast, the conservatives having cast their ballots for Bennett.

It is stated that the opposition will abide by the result.

The convention selected Butte as headquarters for the Federation during the coming year and the chief officers and executive committee will therefore be located here. Very little of the convention's proceedings were made public, as everything was guarded with the strictest secrecy and most of what has been published was unauthorized and merely speculative. Eugene V. Debs, in the capacity of leader-in-chief of labor movements, addressed the delegates. He is known to have favored both Boyce and his policy. A declaration in favor of free coinage of silver and gold also came forth, coupled with the decision to join hands politically with whatever party favors reform.

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The resolutions adopted before adjournment of the convention and which were only briefly referred to in the press dispatches, are as follows:

"We, the delegates of the fifth annual convention of the Western Federation of Miners, in convention assembled, realize that the general stagnation from which the people suffer and the deplorable condition of the American toilers is due to unjust legislation admittedly enacted in favor of the classes and against the interests of the masses.

"Therefore, we deem it our duty to labor unceasingly in favor of the initiative and referendum in all legislation. We believe that all labor organizations should unite upon this cardinal principle and give their undivided support to the party that advocates this principle of reform.

"We uncompromisingly favor the free coinage of silver and gold without the consent of any foreign nation.

"We believe the time has arrived for all workingmen to sever all party affiliations with the dominant political parties and elect their own men to positions of public trust, in view of the fact that the subsidized press are persistent in denouncing the action of labor in cases of struggle with corporations, and knowing that the Rocky Mountain News has always, through its columns, expressed its unbiased opinion in matters of this nature, therefore we deem it our duty to tender our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the many and outspoken sentiments expressed in that paper, and we would urge all members of organized labor to read and patronize that champion of the masses, and we also extend our sincere thanks to the Utah Federation of Labor and the city and county officials for their kind and courteous treatment during our sojourn in their beautiful city."

The officers of the Federation are as follows:

President, Edward Boyce of Wardner, Idaho; vice president, John E. McDonnell of Virginia City, Nev.; secretary and treasurer, James Maher of Butte, Mont.; executive board, William Walsh, Butte; Anthony Shovin, Butte; Anthony Morton, Sand Coulee, Mont.; R. J. Lyons, Altman, Col.; John J. Freer, Lead City, S. D.; delegate to American Federation of Labor, J. J. Bennett, De La Mar, Idaho; alternate, C. A. Smith, Cripple Creek, Col.

The Butte By-stander was again named as official organ of the Federation and Salt Lake was selected as the place for the next convention, which will meet on the second Monday in May, 1898.

CHEATING OLD FARO.

A Case of Alleged Film-Flam in a Centerville Gambling House.

The case of S. R. McNichols against Thomas Forwick was tried in Judge Burns' court yesterday afternoon and a judgment rendered for the plaintiff for \$60, the amount sued for. The evidence showed that Forwick, who is a miner at the Parrot, bucked the tiger at the plaintiff's gambling house at Centerville and in payment for \$20 worth of chips presented a check for \$100. After losing the \$20 he asked for and was given the check to endorse before getting more chips. He executed a little sleight-of-hand performance, however, by substituting a \$40 check. The dealer failed to observe the switch and handed out \$20 worth of chips and paid the balance on what he supposed to be the \$100 check in cash. Forwick took the \$60, played a few turns and then cashed in \$15 and left. The mistake was not discovered until the next morning, and when Forwick was asked to return the \$60 he indignantly denied having received any money ex-

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NEW COURSING PARK

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Rules of the American Coursing Board to Govern—The Grand Stand Will Seat 800 People—Large Membership Roll.

The fences surrounding the new West Side coursing park, immediately south of the race track, were finished last evening and the grand stand will be completed by Monday. The stand will have a seating capacity of 800 and will be so situated as to give an excellent view of the entire field. The new grounds constitute the largest coursing park in America and the members of the Coursing club take justifiable pride in the fact that they will start off with a perfectly appointed park and almost, if not wholly, free from debt. The membership roll is already fully as large as had been hoped for and the stock has been subscribed in a businesslike manner, which evidences a deep interest in the new organization. The new park is surrounded by an eight-foot board fence 4,490 feet long and the course is enclosed with a seven and one-half foot picket fence, with two boards at the bottom, 2,000 feet in length.

The club has elected the following officers: President, Marcus Daly; first vice president, James Tickell; second vice president, J. D. McGregor, V. S.; third vice president, Thomas E. Andrews; treasurer, Josephus Dawe; secretary, G. H. MacDougall. These gentlemen also constitute the executive committee, who will have the management of the affairs of the club. The rules of the American Coursing board were adopted as the rules of the club, under which all stakes will be run, and delegates will be appointed to that body, which is similar in its constitution and powers to the American Trotting Horse association. A special rule was adopted, as follows:

"Dogs belonging to non-members shall be charged \$2.50 in addition to the entrance in any stake, which amount shall go to the club for expenses." This rule allows non-members to enter and run their dogs on paying this small fee to the good of the club. It would be hardly fair to allow non-members to share equally with members in the benefits resulting from the existence of the West Side park, after the latter have spent time and money so liberally to equip and pay for it. The rules will be enforced as strictly as on any race track, particularly those as to ownership of entries, which will have to be proved to the satisfaction of the executive committee in every case where any question arises, and if the committee are not entirely satisfied the dog will be disqualified.

It is expected that everything will be in readiness so that the club can give its first event on May 30, although there is some doubt as to whether the rabbits will be on hand by that time. If they arrive in time the park will be opened that day with the inaugural sweepstake, 32 or more dogs at \$2.50 each, of which 50 per cent. to the winner, 25 per cent. to the runner-up, 12 1/2 per cent. each to the next two. The first round will be run off on the 30th, which will take from 16 to 20 courses, and the ties, about the same number, will be run next day, the 31st. It is then the intention to give a Consolation sweepstake the following Sunday to the dogs beaten in the first round of the Inaugural, at \$2.50 each, to be divided in the same way. On June 13, Miners' union day, will be run the Kindergarten sweepstake, for 16 or more saplings whelped since Jan. 1, 1896, entrance and division of money same as above. This stake should prove very interesting, as the saplings are unknown quantities to their owners as well as to the public. A number of very promising youngsters will probably be entered in the Inaugural sweep, to give them a little experience with the Kindergarten sweep in view, as most of them have not yet been entered at their game. It would cause a great laugh at the expense of the owners of older dogs if some untired youngster should go off and win the Inaugural, and stranger things have happened. Twister and Fitzsimmons will be represented by about half a dozen of their get each, and great will be the friendly rivalry between the respective owners and admirers of these two well-known stud dogs.

Entries will close and the draw take place in all cases on the Friday evening before the stake, at 8 o'clock, at the office of the secretary, or elsewhere as announced.

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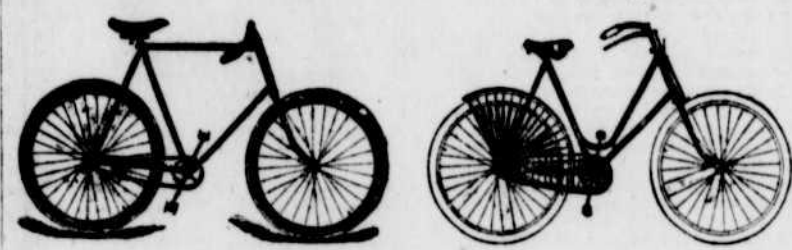
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